

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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INFORMATION

TOPIC 2009 REAP CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANTS

Annually, the first \$350,000 of the REAP appropriation is dedicated to conservation education. A conservation education board of five representatives of the following organizations determines how those funds are expended, under the REAP Act and administrative rules: DNR, Dept. of Education, Association of County Conservation Boards, Iowa Association of Naturalist, and the Iowa Conservation Education Council.

In its 21-year history, that board has issued \$7.7 million in grants to Iowa educators and education institutions. An explanation of grants in recent years and a full explanation of the program can be found at www.iowareap.com. With FY 10 funding, the board approved the competitive grants below in June and December.

The amount of grants requested for funding in June was 2.4 times the amount of funding available; for December, requesting funding was 3 times available funding.

June 2009 Approved

Applicant	Title	Total Grant	Request
IA Conser. Educa.. Coalition	2010 Winter Solstice Workshop	52,662	20,210
UNI Center for Energy & EE	IA Roadside Native Communities	143,629	44,633
Metro Arts Alliance of DSM	Green Arts	54,800	20,000
Iowa State University	Pest Management Education	24,352	14,579
Polk Co. Conservation Board	Conservation Video Casts/PSAs	34,460	20,600
Iowa Academy of Science	Iowa Project WET Workshops	44,704	25,121
IA 4-H Foundation	Expanding Teacher Pre-Service Training	69,131	37,711
Webster Co. Conservation Bd	Park Packs	4,960	3,399
UNI Center for Energy & EE	REAP Grant Monitor/Marketing	30,000	30,000
IA Assoc. of Naturalists	Traveling Prairie Exhibit	82,119	22,240
	TOTAL	\$540,817	\$186,295

December 2009 Approved

Applicant	Title	Total Grant	Request
Whiterock Conservancy	Defining Grazing as a Management Tool	43,428	16,523
Trees Forever	Trees Forever GreenForce	28,174	9,070
Polk Co. Conservation Bd	Using Technology in the Parks	27,882	19,586
Dubuque Co. Cons. Bd.	Park Packs	3,772	1,842
IA Conser. Educa.. Coalition	2010 Gov. Conf. on EE	65,788	26,200
Iowa 4-H Foundation	EE Programs for Special Audiences	40,848	16,896
Des Moines St. Paul's Church	St. Paul's & Neighbors' Rain Garden	36,500	19,582
Winneshiek Co. Cons. Bd	Fit Environment Hits the Trail	84,508	38,049
	TOTAL	\$330,900	\$147,748

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